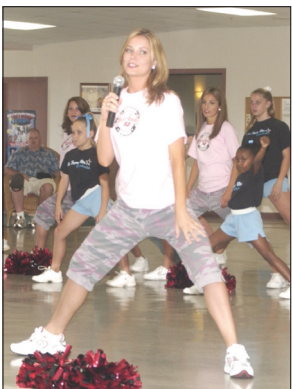


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photo by Angela Elbern

15th MXS Fabrication Flight makes everything Fab to fight

By Senior Airman
Erin Smith
15th Airlift Wing Public affairs

They do it all. With the precision of a surgeon and the skill of a seamstress, members of the 15th Maintenance Squadron's Fabrications Flight work to ensure the fleet of C-17s at Hickam are structurally sound.

Fab flight, as it's commonly referred to, literally has a hand in almost every project, activity, and event the wing does.

"We are a diversified flight," said Senior Master Sgt. Roth Beebe, 15th Maintenance Squadron, Fabrication Flight chief. "We make the mission happen in such a broad area and we are critical to the mission."

"We also support the base in ways you would never think of."

The flight has four areas: structural shop; metals tech shop including machine and welding shop; non-destructive inspection lab; and the survival equipment shop.

The non-destructive inspection shop inspects the aircraft and determines the extent of damage. They act as surgeons, closely examining the composite substance that makes up a C-17 with sonogram and digital X-ray technology to map the damage.

Sometimes, what looks like a dime-sized dent on a C-17 is actually a greater notch than is visible to the naked eye, flight members explained.

Once damage is assessed, it is on to the structural and metals tech shops to repair it, including sheet metal composite, tubing and paint. On a C-17, which is mostly made of a composite material, the process of removing the damaged portion to make repairs becomes more intricate.

Shop members also perform preventative maintenance such as corrosion control or rust prevention.

Since the air is salty and planes are constantly flying over salt water, rust forms easily.

What the structural maintenance

shop doesn't repair, metals tech does, including sheet metal and welding of the aircraft

But it doesn't stop there, for Airmen assigned to this flight; they're only limited by their creativity.

"We are like the OC Choppers for the Air Force," said Senior Airman Bryce Knappe. "We can make anything you can think of."

When all else fails, the Survival Equipment crew becomes an Aircrew's best friend, maintaining equipment like parachutes and life rafts to include packing the equipment and repairing any damage to the parachutes and cargo netting.

The staff, who are the 'last to let you down' according to their motto, includes both Hawaii Air National Guard and Active-duty Airmen.

"I enjoy the satisfaction of knowing our stuff will work to save someone's life," said Staff Sgt. Brian Murphy. "Seeing it in action and knowing first hand it will work."

Left: Airman 1st Class Kasey Hoyem, 15th Maintenance Squadron, inspects a part for weakness and cracks using UV technology. Bottom: From right Airman 1st Class James Watts, 15th MXS, and McChord AFB reservist Tech. Sgt. Stan Rothfuss use a sonogram to inspect an airplane part for cracks and damages.



photo by Angela Elbern

Single Airman's Barbeque



Thurs, 9 p.m. to Midnight, Vossler Hall Pavillion
Single Airmen up to Senior Airmen invited
For more info, contact Master Sgt. Ron Booth,
Airmen and Family Readiness Center, 449-0304

'Beach Bum' weekend boasts good clean fun

By Jeff Nicolay
Hickam Kukini editor

Summer's just around the corner, which means it's time once again for Airmen to let their hair down and enjoy Outdoor Recreation's annual Beach Bum Weekend, coming up Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27.

"Get your super-soakers, water balloons and bathing suits ready for the Beach Bum parade, which kicks things off Saturday at 3 p.m. from Bishop Point Pier to Foster Point," said Alicia Thornton-Murray, Outdoor recreation assistant director.

As Thornton-Murray explains, Outdoor Recreation has invited Airmen to enter floats — which he/she describes as being a truck, a flatbed trailer or "basically anything you can push."

Thorne-Murray said Airmen should decorate their floats with a beach theme, some examples of which might include pool floats, beach balls, tiki torches (not lit), luau

decorations, etc.

"The parade is open to anyone brave enough to face the water brigade," she said, adding that float participants are free to blast parade spectators with supersoakers, water guns and water balloons.

Those spectators, meanwhile, are urged to retaliate against the floaters with water weapons of their own or the hoses provided by 15th Services Squadron personnel.

When the parade reaches its waterlogged end at Foster Point around 4 p.m., judges from Friends of Hickam are scheduled to award a trophy to the most original Beach Bum-themed float.

At that point, Thorne-Murray said, Friends of Hickam will offer free hamburgers and hot dogs, with side items and drinks available for purchase.

At the same time, the US Air Force Band of the Pacific-Hawaii will take the stage until 7:30 p.m., followed by it's time for Movie on the Beach.

"We'll be showing 'Grease' on our new, giant, air-blown movie screen," said Thorne-Murray.

Following the film, overnight camping will be available for \$20.

On Sunday, Beach Bum activities will also include a barbeque, jousting, sumo suits, bounce houses, wind surfing, banana boats, sailboats and water slides.

All that fun is a pretty good deal, Thorne-Murray says.

"We're selling five-dollar wristbands that give you unlimited access to jousting, sumo suits, bounce houses, wind surfing, banana boats, sailboats and water slides," she said. "Plus, AEF Returnees receive Services coupons during the Splashtacular."

Throughout the weekend, the Sand Bar and Grill will be open for service, according to Thorne-Murray.

For more information about the Beach Bum weekend activities, call 449-5215.



photo by Thomas Willa

Teddy Fabella and Sean Joslin, both lifeguards with 15th Services squadron, gear up for Beach Bum weekend May 26 and 27.

Glass Bottom Boat Tour

Spend an hour and a half marveling over marine life in their natural habitat, May 19. The bus departs from ITT for Kaneohe Bay at 8 a.m. See breathtaking underwater scenery through over 6,000 square inches of glass bottom viewing area. Adult ticket prices: \$10, kids ages 2-12: \$5. Call Information, Tickets and Travel at 448-2295 to reserve your tickets.

Free Continental Breakfast

To kick off the Club Membership Drive, the Enlisted Club and Officers’ clubs invites you to join them for a free continental breakfast at the O’ Club Wednesday, May 30, between 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Learn more about the benefits of club membership. This event is open to current club members and club member eligibles. For details, call the Enlisted Club at 448-2271 or the Officers’ Club at 448-4608.

Air Force Clubs Scholarship

Club Membership has its benefits. Six individuals will be selected to receive a share of \$25,000 in scholarship money. To enter, write and submit an essay of 500 words or less on this year’s topic: “Why is air superiority critical today.” All essays must be submitted to 15th Services Marketing, Hangar 2, Suite 215, no later

than June 15. Entry forms can be found at www.afclubs.net or www.hickamservices.com and at your club.

Northwest Airlines Grand Prize

Services Comment and Win Program actively seeks customer suggestions and feedback. Now there are three chances to win. Simply fill out a comment card or comment online at www.hickamservices.com and select the ICE icon. 1. Win \$250 in Services Bucks if your suggestion is implemented. 2. Win \$100 in Services Bucks from the random monthly drawing. 3. Now fly free to Asia or the U.S. Each month, every base in PACAF will draw names of finalists who will be entered in the Grand Prize drawing for six Northwest Airlines roundtrip tickets. The Grand Prize drawing will be held after September 30. Visit www.hickamservices.com for official rules and details.

Comment & Win Summer Craft Camps

With an ounce of inspiration, a pinch of creativity and a sparkling of imagination, your child can craft a summer of enjoyment. The Arts & Crafts Center summer camp registration is now open. Classes are open to kids ages 5 and up. Fees are \$45 per child; \$40 per second child or more. Classes fill up fast, so sign up now. For a complete schedule, visit www.hickamservices.com/arts-crafts-center.asp.

Asian American Pacific Islander month

Luncheon helps celebrate diversity

By Capt. Walan Chang
HQ PACAF
Chief, Theater Security Cooperation

Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month is celebrated every May through multiple government- and community-sponsored activities throughout the country.

Here at Hickam, the AAPI Heritage Committee has produced a series of events to commemorate this year’s theme, “Celebrating Heritage, Celebrating Unity.” Committee members organized displays of Asian cultural artifacts at various locations, including the library and dining facility, as well as activities each weekend at the BX Mall area.

The committee is also sponsoring an essay and drawing contest at three local elementary schools, with savings bonds being awarded to the winners. Various organizations, such as Hickam Toastmasters, also incorporated the AAPI Heritage Month theme into their programs in May.

The month-long celebration culminates next Wednesday with a lunchtime food tasting

event at the Officers Club, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

When asked about the new format, SSgt. Marylee Roberts, AAPI Committee Chairperson, responded, “This year, the committee elected to try a new format. Instead of the traditional sit-down luncheon, we will hold a food tasting festival, complete with a variety of cultural performances and informational booths.

“People will get to sample foods from throughout Asia, including dim sum from China, chapchae noodles from Korea, and kalua pork from Hawaii. We will have nonstop performers such as taiko drummers, martial arts demonstrations, and tinikling dancing. Since people can come and go as they please, we hope this more flexible format will enable more people to stop by and experience delicious Asian food and entertainment.”

This celebration actually began in 1978 as Asian/Pacific Heritage Week, and was later expandedFor more information or to purchase tickets to the food tasting and entertainment festivities on Wednesday, please contact SSgt Roberts at 449-2045, MSgt Rellin at 449-2040, or Capt. Chang at 449-4150.



Master Sgt. Roxane Torres
15th Airlift Wing

Your unit rocks because: We have the best people on staff! We work hard keeping the Wing mission ready.

My job affects all of Hickam in that: We process all reports, staff packages, and documents which require the Wing Commander's signature. We're responsible for a myriad of things that go on in the wing in one way or another.

When not at work, I spend my off duty time: Running is my passion followed by working out in the gym. I enjoy golfing, hiking, reading and listening to music.

Something people don’t know about your unit: The multitude of tasks and responsibilities handled by our office.

If I could change one thing about Hickam, it would be: I would change the Fitness Center because it is too small and cluttered. It looks/feels cramped as though everyone is on top of each other. The locker room is also too small and it would be great for those who live off base (and use the fitness center daily) to rent personal lockers.

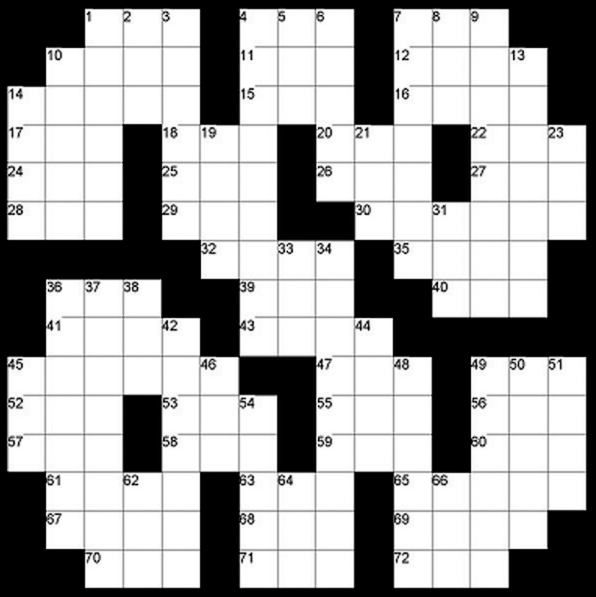
What the supervisor has to say: Rox is a bona-fide superstar in the 15th Airlift Wing. As a wealth of knowledge within the command section, she has transformed some of our most difficult issues into mundane tasks. We are very fortunate to have such an explosive and innovative member on our team.

Maj. Nicholl Dial, 15th Airlift Wing Executive Officer



photo by Angela Elbern

Crossword Puzzle: Find the base ... AMC, Vol. 2



By Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing

ACROSS

- 1. 18th AF
- 4. Russian space station
- 7. Precursor to AMC
- 10. Fiddling ruler
- 11. CBS TV show
- 12. Ocean bivalve
- 14. Sword
- 15. Discard
- 16. ____ Bend Auxiliary Air Field, Ariz.
- 17. Flightless bird
- 18. Chinese Chairman
- 20. Antelope
- 22. Perform

- 24. Snakelike fish
- 25. USAF rank
- 26. ____ Lanka
- 27. Org. associated with Ballistic Missile Defense
- 28. Spy org.
- 29. X
- 30. Bid
- 32. First person
- 35. British royalty
- 36. Meal in the field
- 39. Grazing land
- 40. Zero
- 41. Soda
- 43. Viking Ericsson
- 45. Performing
- 47. ____ de Janeiro
- 49. Faucet

- 52. Fed. agency that insures residential mortgages
- 53. Expire
- 55. News outlet
- 56. Lament
- 57. Small child
- 58. Fink
- 59. Carve
- 60. Terminate
- 61. From memory
- 63. News outlet
- 65. Blacksmith’s item
- 67. Puffed on
- 68. State home to the 436th AW (Dover), in brief
- 69. Horse riding need
- 70. Affirmative
- 71. Terminate
- 72. ____ Moines

DOWN

- 1. Galaxy sight
- 2. Exist
- 3. Disc requirement
- 4. AMC base home to the 22nd ARW
- 5. Love ____ Many Splendored Thing
- 6. Saturn objects
- 7. AMC base home to the 305th AMW
- 8. The Greatest
- 9. Seafood dish
- 10. Monikers
- 13. AMC base home to the 6th AMW

- 14. Observe
- 19. Iowa city
- 21. Nat.’l satellite org.
- 23. The Joy Luck Club writer Amy
- 31. Anchorman Rather
- 33. Appomattox figure
- 34. AMC base home to the 92nd ARW
- 36. AMC base home to the 62nd AW
- 37. Passing in succession
- 38. Inventor Whitney
- 42. AMC base home to the 316th WG and 89th AW
- 44. Wonderful
- 45. Back of the boat
- 46. Jolie film

See SOLUTIONS, B4

SUDOKU

For solution, see SUDOKU, B4

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Team Hickam History
The Air Force’s most historic airfield

May 17, 2002 — From 14 to 17 May 2002 15th Medical Group hosts 11 civilian and military inspectors for their first no-notice inspection — Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization (JCAHO) survey and health service inspection.

May 22, 1951 — Paving was completed on a project for widening of Hickam’s Taxiway “Charlie,” and the combined Hickam-Honolulu Airport runway was formally opened to traffic. Runway 8-26 then became the longest airstrip (13,100 feet) in the Hawaiian Islands.

May 21, 1976 — Super Typhoon Pamela crossed over Guam, with 140 MPH winds.

Pamela was the strongest typhoon to hit Guam since Super Typhoon Karen in 1962. Through 31 March, MAC flew 24 C-5s, 83 C-141s, and 3 C-130s there with nearly 2,650 tons of cargo, including generators, vans, utility vehicles, and communications equipment to provide typhoon relief. (Today in US Air and Space History).

May 20, 2002 — The 15th Air Base Wing received an Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service from 29 November 1999 to 30 November 2001. (SO GB-027 dated 20 May 2002). This was the Wing’s ninth AFOUA.



Jenny

‘Self-Help’

MAYBE YOU COULD WORK AT THE "SELF-HELP" STORE.

THOSE PEOPLE ALWAYS LOOK AT ME LIKE I'M READY FOR THE "MEN IN WHITE COATS"

ME, TOO! LAST WEEK I WAS THERE FOR ONE OF THOSE THINGYS FOR THE DINING ROOM LIGHTS...

OH, THAT WEIRD THINGY?

YES AND...

DO YOU MEAN THAT WEIRD THINGY THAT HAS THE ROUND DOO-DAD ON THE OUTSIDE?

YES!

WOW! I EXPLAINED IT TO THEM FOR HALF AN HOUR BUT YOU KNEW EXACTLY WHAT I WANTED!

YEP. JUST DUMB LUCK...

YOU'RE GOOD

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CHAPEL

Editor’s note: For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests, call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.

PROTESTANT

Nelles Chapel

Sunday Contemporary Service 8:30 a.m.

Sunday Gospel Worship 11:15 a.m.

Sunday Praise Gathering 5:30 p.m.

Chapel Center

Sunday Traditional 8:30 a.m.

JEWISH

Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor 473-0050

Jewish Lay Leader Mr. David Bender 527-5877

Naval Station Chapel 473-3971

CATHOLIC

Nelles Chapel

Weekday Mass Monday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday Confessions 4:15 p.m.

Saturday Mass 5 p.m.

Chapel Center

Sunday Mass 10 a.m.

BUDDHIST

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin A Shin Buddhist Temple 536-7044

ORTHODOX

For more information call 438-6687

ISLAMIC

Friday Congregational Service (1935 Aleo Place, Punahou) 1 p.m.

Muslim Association of Hawaii 947-6263

AT THE MOVIES

Memorial Theater 448-2297 • CLOSED Monday and Tuesday

day & time • day & time

‘Are We Done Yet?’ – The Persons family decides to move from the big city to the suburbs of idyllic life. A house renovation leads to chaos, particularly when the contractor who clashes with Nick, bonds with his wife and the two kids. Starring Ice Cube, Nia Long.

Rated PG (Some innuendo, brief language) — 90 min..

day & time • day & time

‘Firehouse Dog’ – Rex, Hollywood’s top-grossing canine, is famous for his extreme athletic abilities and diva-like demeanor. One day, however, his luck runs out. An aerial stunt goes awry while Rex is filming a commercial, leading Rex’s handlers to presume he’s dead. But Rex is merely lost ... alone, filthy and unrecognizable in an unfamiliar city. Starring Josh Hutcherson, Bree Turner.

Rated PG (action peril, crude humor, language) — 109 min.

day & time • day & time

The Reaping – A former minister, Katherine Winters turned her back on the cloth after losing her young daughter and husband. When small-town schoolteacher Doug Blackwell seeks her help with a series of bizarre occurrences the townspeople believe to be sent by God, Katherine and her partner Ben come to learn that sometimes miracles can be treacherous, and the line between faith and superstition is dangerously thin. Starring Hilary Swank, AnnaSophia Robb.

Rated R (violence, disturbing images, sexuality) — 103 min.

SOLUTIONS, From B3

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SUDOKU, From B3

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Photo by Mark Munsey

Miked-up Tampa Bay Buccaneers Cheerleader DeShay Eurice leads her squadmates and more than two dozen of the Hickam Elite Dance team through some stretching and vocal exercises. The Bucs cheerleaders spent three days with the base elite team teaching them new cheers, routines, and team-building exercises.

The Bucs (cheerleaders) stop here

By Mark Munsey
Special to the Kukini

It doesn't take long for a visit to Hickam to make a positive impression. Just ask Sandy Charboneau, Tampa Bay Buccaneers Cheerleading and Mascot coordinator. It was under far different circumstances when the team came through Hickam just three months ago.

"We were heading to Japan and only had one day on Hickam, and we spent most of that day entertaining at the base fair," she said. "I could tell by our one day here that we could do more for the area and needed to come back."

Armed Forces Entertainment agreed, sending the squad back for a two-week islands-only visit. Their time will be divided equally among all the military facilities on Oahu with a jaunt to Maui for their calendar shoot.

With the final cut for the team being announced just last month, several of the youngest and newest of the cheerleader squad have never been on an Air Force base before. But for two Bucs' cheerleaders, the Air Force is part of family heritage.

DeShay Eurice traversed Hickam on the team's junket to Asia earlier this year. It was what she saw as the tour continued into Korea that struck a lasting chord.

Watching the young men



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Steven Thompson

Above: A Buccaneers' cheerleader asks all the questions during a round of 'Date the Airmen' Saturday night at the community center. More than a dozen base junior enlisted signed up for the right to compete for some private social time with several Buccaneer cheerleaders.

Right: Col. JJ Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander, conducts his favorite staff meeting ever with a dozen Buccaneer cheerleaders, calling them 'force multipliers' for their efforts in boosting morale here and at military stations worldwide.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Melanie McLean

and women go about their duties made her "appreciate what everyone sacrifices."

"It's as clear as day in Korea," she said.

Her father served in the Air Force before she was born, but that's not to say she didn't benefit from his military experiences.

"Growing up, he was always strong on getting to know more cultures and different ways of life," she said. "It's one of my favorite quali-

ties about him."

A month and a half ago, Lisa Banspach was a 19-year-old St. Pete College student. It wasn't until tryouts ended last month that she realized her dream of top-tier cheerleading.

As one of its newest members she made her professional debut performance not before 70,000 Buccaneer football fans but at a much smaller venue.

The base community center, filled with more than two-dozen members of the Hickam

Elite Dance team.

"It was a lot of fun to work with the girls on routines and cheers," Banspach said. "I wish we had this around when I was growing up."

Banspach, whose grandfather served in the Air Force, says she is looking forward to the chance to visit all the different servicemembers stationed on island.

"I just want to reach out and thank them for their dedication."

Hurricanes make waves

By Dawn Goodson
Special to the Kukini

Members of the Senior Division for the Hickam Hurricane Swim Team attended the 27th Harry M. Mamizuka Invitational Swim Meet held on April 27-29.

This invitational gave team members the opportunity to qualify for the state meet competition coming up in June.

Congratulations to Emily Borger (11 years old), who qualified in the 50-meter butterfly event with a time of 36.12 seconds, and to Taylor Redmond (17 years old), who qualified in the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 28.51 seconds.



Photo by Krista Garrison

Seventeen-year-old Taylor Redmond qualified in the 50-meter freestyle event with a time of 28.51.

Other members of the swim team who qualified for state prior to the meet include Becky Blackshear (9 years old) in the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 38.82 seconds, and Emily Borger in the 50-meter freestyle with 33.32 seconds.

Josh Couillard (17 years old) qualified in the 50-meter freestyle with 27.38 seconds, 100-meter freestyle with a time of 1:00.57 seconds, 200-meter freestyle with 2:18.98, and 100-meter backstroke with 1:13.19.

The next challenge for the Senior Division swimmers will be the Oahu Last Chance Meet, scheduled for May 19 and 20 at Central Oahu Regional Park in Waipio.

FITNESSTIPS

Exercise: Standing lateral raise
Muscle Group: Shoulders



INCORRECT

- Member must have the ability to stand in the neutral spine position while load with weights
- Stand "tall"
- Dumbbells positioned at sides
- Raise dumbbells laterally
- Lower to starting position at desired rep tempo

Model: Staff Sgt. Martin Tenado, Fitness Specialist, Hickam Fitness Center

Photo by Master Sgt. Benny Miguel, Section Chief at Hickam Fitness Center



CORRECT



Kai Kahele rises for a jump serve during first round.

Gold Standard

Both Hickam-trained AF volleyball teams win service's champoinship

By Mark Munsey
Special to the Kukini

After weeks of blood, sweat and cheers, the men's and women's AF volleyball teams left Hickam for West Point with a great deal of confidence and comraderie. Both paid off as the team's swept the inter-services competition in remarkably similar fashion. After the first day of round-robin competition, each team stood at 2-1. The men's team lost to Navy in a tough

five-setter and the women's team was done in by Army in four sets. The second and final day of play found each team having to overcome adversity. "Everybody was cheering against us," said Kai Kahele, Hawaii Air National Guard C-17 pilot and team outside hitter. After beating the Marines for a second day in a row, they faced arch-nemesis and last year's champion Army. In rally scoring, where every serve is a point, they split the first two games but found themselves on the working end of a 13-9 score. "All they had to do was side out one time and put a good serve in play, and we were done," Kahele said. Instead the AF team rallied to score nine of the next 12 points to win the final game 18-16 and the match three games to two. All that stood between the two teams and the top step on the award podium was Navy. The men's side took care of their business quickly. "We absolutely destroyed the Navy," Kahele said, not only wrapping up the gold but also being named to the all-services team along the way. The women faced tougher competition, needing all five sets to wear down the Navy team. Kristin Huitt, also a C-17 pilot, from the 535th Airlift Squadron, was named to the all-services team. "It was a great venue for winning the gold," she said.



Kristin Huitt takes advantage of setting choices.



From left Team Hickam players Kai Kahele, Kristin Huitt, Miguel Vallejo and Kevin Szymanski sport their gold medals from the interservice tournament at West Point.



Courtesy photos

Left: Miguel Vallejo stretches for a dink versus Marines in second day, round-robin action.